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April 6, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Winthrop Telephone Company (Study Area 361508)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Wireline Broadband Order*, Winthrop Telephone Company hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2015, Winthrop Telephone Company, plans to offer wireline broadband internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Danny Busche  
General Manager

Cc: Interstate Telcom Consulting, Inc.  
NECA Region Manager

Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service  
Effective July 1, 2015

Winthrop Telephone Company  
(STUDY AREA 361508)  
213 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Winthrop, MN 55396  
Telephone: (507) 647-5395

CC Docket No. 02-33

April 6, 2015

Winthrop Telephone Company hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2011 Winthrop Telephone Company will begin offering wireline broadband internet access service on a Title II, common carriage, permissive detariffed basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.<sup>1</sup> The geographic areas affected are those Winthrop Telephone Company exchanges where DSL is technically feasible.

Today, this service is provided to Winthrop Telephone Company. The ISP purchases wireline broadband access service for use as a component in their broadband internet service sold to residential and business consumers. End user service provided will not be affected by discontinuance of the tariffed offering by Winthrop Telephone Company. As stated in the attached customer notice, Winthrop Telephone Company will continue to offer services to existing ISP customers under current rates, terms and conditions until the end of their current term or upon replacement with a Broadband Commercial Agreement. Broadband Commercial Agreements will be made available in a nondiscriminatory manner to any provider desiring to purchase wireline broadband access service for use as a component in its broadband internet service sold to consumers.

Effective July 1, 2015, Winthrop Telephone Company will make its wireline broadband internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions available on our company website ([www.mnval.com](http://www.mnval.com)) and in printed copy during normal business hours at Winthrop Telephone Company business office located at 213 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Winthrop, MN 55396.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Red 14853 (2005). FCC 05-150 (rel. September 23, 2005), (Wireline Broadband Order)

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Danny Busche, General Manager, do certify that I have, on this 6 day of April, 2015:

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Governor Mark Dayton  
Office of the Governor  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
St Paul, MN 55155

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
PENTAGON  
Washington, DC 20301

2. Served via electronic filing a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Mr. Daniel Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utility Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
Suite 350  
St Paul, MN 55101-2417

3. Served via paper a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Winthrop Telephone Company  
213 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Winthrop, MN 55396



April 6, 2015

Winthrop Telephone Company  
213 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Winthrop, MN 55396

Re: CC Docket 02-33 - Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Winthrop Telephone Company (Study Area 361508)

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that Winthrop Telephone Company is currently purchasing wholesale broadband transport services from Winthrop Telephone Company under NECA Tariff No. 5 ("Tariff"). This letter is to advise you that Winthrop Telephone Company, study area 361508 will discontinue provisioning service on July 1, 2015 pursuant to the Tariff. Services will be made available to you on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis. The existing relevant rates, terms and conditions will not change until the end of your term or until replaced by a Broadband Commercial Agreement.

The rates, terms and conditions for the Broadband Commercial Agreement will be available in printed copy during normal business hours at Winthrop Telephone Company business office located at 213 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Winthrop, MN 55396.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC 05-150) released September 23, 2005 in Docket No. 02-33. In this order the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband internet service providers could offer their services on a common carrier, permissively detariffed basis.

No action is necessary on your part. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Busche". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danny Busche  
General Manager

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NECA Region Manager